

gate of fees and expenses allowed shall not exceed 5 per centum of the amount herein authorized to be appropriated, to be paid out of the appropriation when made pursuant to this Act: *And provided further*, That before any money is paid to any attorney, attorneys, or person, they shall first execute and deliver to the Secretary of the Interior a satisfaction and a discharge in writing of all claims and demands for services rendered and expenses incurred for said bands of Indians in the matter of their said claim.

Satisfactory release  
required.

Approved, February 13, 1931.

**CHAP. 125.**—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust payment of charges due on the Blackfeet Indian Irrigation Project, and for other purposes.

February 13, 1931.

[S. 1533.]

[Public, No. 623.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That where there are accumulated unpaid assessments of irrigation charges, plus accrued penalty, against trust patent or fee patent tracts of land on the Blackfeet irrigation project, Montana, and where purchasers or owners of such tracts are financially unable to pay such amounts in a lump sum, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to deliver irrigation water upon the execution of a suitable contract between such purchaser or owner and the United States, said contract providing for the payment of current annual assessments and annual payments of such percentage of the accumulated assessments as are deemed equitable. The period over which the payment of the accumulated assessments shall be spread shall be left to the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, but in no case shall the period of payment of such accumulated assessments exceed ten years: *Provided*, That upon the execution of any such contracts herein provided for any penalties or interest which may have accrued against such accumulated assessments shall be canceled, and in lieu thereof the principal amount of the indebtedness shall draw interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from the date of the execution of the contract.

Blackfeet Irrigation  
Project, Montana.  
Time extended for  
paying assessments for  
construction, maintenance  
charges, etc.  
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amended.

Suitable contract to  
be executed.

Period of deferred  
payments.

*Proviso.*  
Contracts to substitute  
for accumulated  
assessments, etc.

Approved, February 13, 1931.

**CHAP. 126.**—An Act Authorizing the cities of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the counties of Douglas, Nebraska, and Pottawattamie, Iowa, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll or free bridge across the Missouri River at or near O'Hern Street, South Omaha, Nebraska.

February 13, 1931.

[S. 5768.]

[Public, No. 624.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the city of Omaha, Nebraska, or Douglas County, Nebraska, or the city of Council Bluffs, or Pottawattamie County, Iowa, or any two or more thereof cooperating, are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near O'Hern Street, South Omaha, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Missouri River.  
Omaha, Nebr., etc.,  
may bridge, at South  
Omaha.

Location.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

**SEC. 2.** There is hereby conferred upon said cities and counties, acting jointly, or any one or more of them separately, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn,

Right to acquire real  
estate, etc., for location,  
approaches, etc.

occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance, and operation of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

SEC. 3. The said cities and counties, or any one or more thereof, are hereby authorized to operate such bridge free of tolls, or, in their discretion, to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge; and in case rates of toll are so fixed, such rates shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating such bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing costs, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof or acquisition thereof as hereinafter provided. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of such bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the cost of such bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected, shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 5. All rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act upon the city of Omaha, Nebraska, the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa, the county of Douglas, Nebraska, and the county of Pottawattamie, Iowa, may be enjoyed, used, or performed by said cities and counties, jointly, or by any one or more thereof separately, or by such boards or commissions as may be created by law to carry out the provisions of this Act for said cities and counties, or any one or more thereof that may construct the bridge hereby authorized. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act may be assigned, conveyed and transferred by said cities and counties to the State of Nebraska and the State of Iowa, or to either thereof, or to the highway departments of said States, or of either thereof, but shall not otherwise be assigned, conveyed, or transferred.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 13, 1931.

**CHAP. 127.**—An Act To provide for the study, investigation, and survey, for commemorative purposes, of the Bull Run and Second Manassas battle fields in the State of Virginia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to have made studies, investigations, and surveys of the Bull Run and Second

Condemnation proceedings.

Post, p. 1527.

Tolls authorized.

Vol. 34, p. 85.

Rates of toll applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs, etc.

Record of expenditures and receipts to be kept.

Rights, etc., conferred may be performed jointly or separately.

Assignment permitted.

Amendment.

February 13, 1931.

[H. R. 1408.]

[Public, No. 625.]

Bull Run and Second Manassas battle fields, Va.

Survey directed.